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SUBJ: TEXT OF FEBRUARY 14 SOVIET STATEMENT ON BERLIN-ZURICH
FLIGHTS

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THERE FOLLOWS THE MISSIONS' TRANSLATION OF THE RUSSIAN
TEXT OF AN ORAL STATEMENT MADE FEBRUARY 14 BY SOVIET
EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR KHOTULEV TO THE CHAIRMAN (US)
POLAD IN BERLIN ON BERLIN-ZURICH COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS (REFTEL):
BEGIN TEXT: AS HAS BECOME KNOWN, THE LEADING REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE SENAT OF WEST BERLIN DECLARED THAT AS OF THE 1ST
OF APRIL OF THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE REGULAR DIRECT AIRPLANE
FLIGHTS BY THE AMERICAN AVIATION COMPANY PAN AMERICAN
BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND ZURICH (SWITZERLAND). THIS PRE-
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SUPPOSES A VIOLATION OF THE CORRESPONDING INTERNATIONAL
RULES AND AGREEMENTS IN MAKING ILLEGAL USE OF THE BERLIN
AIR CORRIDORS.

THE SOVIET EMBASSY HAS MANY TIMES PRESENTED TO THE
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE POWERS ITS POSITION ON
THIS QUESTION. IT CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY IN CON-

SIDERATION OF THE NEW CIRCUMSTANCES MENTIONED ABOVE TO POINT OUT ONCE AGAIN AND IN ALL SERIOUSNESS THAT THE BERLIN AIR CORRIDORS HAVE A SPECIAL REGIME AND ARE NOT INTENDED FOR THE COMMERCIAL CARRYING OF PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT BY ANY CIVILIAN AIR COMPANIES. THE ATTEMPTS TO ORGANIZE A COMMERCIAL CONNECTION BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND ZURICH THROUGH THE USE OF THESE CORRIDORS AND ANY OTHER SIMILAR ACTIVITIES ARE A CLEAR MISUSE OF THE AIR SPACE AND OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS CONCERNING WEST BERLIN. THE EFFORTS WHICH ARE NOW BEING UNDERTAKEN BY CERTAIN CIRCLES IN THE WEST TESTIFY TO THE PRESENCE OF A CLEAR TENDENCY TO EXPAND THE ILLEGAL PRACTICE OF USING THE BERLIN AIR CORRIDORS WHICH IN NO WAY AIDS THE MAINTENANCE OF NORMAL POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN THE SAID REGION.

THE SOVIET SIDE CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL TO REPEAT WHAT WAS ALREADY DECLARED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE THREE POWERS ON THE 24 OF JUNE 1974. IT (THE SOVIET SIDE) WILL BE FORCED TO REGARD ANY EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH ANY NEW DIRECT AIR SERVICES BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND OTHER COUNTRIES AS A STEP DIRECTED TOWARDS A UNILATERAL CHANGE OF THE SITUATION AS IT HAS COME INTO BEING IN THE RELEVANT AREA OF THE FOUR POWER AGREEMENT. THE SPECIAL ATTENTION OF THE AUTHORITIES OF THE THREE POWERS IS DIRECTED TO THE FACT THAT FLIGHTS ON SUCH LINES HAVE AN ILLEGAL CHARACTER WITH ALL THE CONSEQUENCES THAT FLOW THEREFROM.

AS BEFORE, THE SOVIET SIDE IS CONVINCED THAT THERE ARE SUFFICIENT POSSIBILITIES TO ASSURE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF WEST BERLIN WITHOUT VIOLATING EXISTING FOUR POWER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEMENTS.

THE SOVIET EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT THE ADMINISTRATIONS OF THE THREE POWERS WILL EXAMINE THIS DECLARATION WITH THE NECESSARY ATTENTION AND SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, THE DECLARATION BEING DICTATED BY A CONCERN TO MAINTAIN A NORMAL ATMOSPHERE AROUND WEST BERLIN. END TEXT.GEORGE

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